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THE SAME FOR CONVEYING AND  
DISTRIBUTING THERMAL ENERGY INTO A  
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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2006  
AND ADVISORY ACTION DATED MAY 12, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 10, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated May 12, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments to the above-identified application as follows. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text in bold.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.